

## **BRYOPHYTES OF NATIVE WOODS GUIDE FOR SALE**

### **Introduction**

The third edition of: *A Field Guide to Common Mosses and Liverworts of Britain and Ireland's Woodlands* by Carol L Crawford was published by The Natural Resource Consultancy (TNRC) in November 2002. It is a full-colour 42-page booklet with photographs of 36 common woodland bryophytes. The booklet was prepared for the Native Woodlands Discussion Group (NWDG) Lower Plants Section.

### **Format of guide**

The booklet is a handy size for the pocket (A5) and has a laminated cover to protect it in damp mossy places. It has one moss or liverwort to a page. Each page features a "group" photo and shots of single stems. The text is in coloured boxes covering: habitats, microhabitats and key ID features for each species, and species it may be confused with. Informal English names are given as an *aide memoire*.

### **Who the booklet is for**

The book is aimed at beginners but people with some knowledge of bryophytes will also find it helpful. Ecologists, forest managers and naturalists should find it useful. Mosses and liverworts are rewarding to study because they are around all year.

### **The Story so Far....**

The booklet was compiled by Carol with a Millennium Award, through the Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust. She took the photographs and designed and laid out the booklet. Photographs were taken in Scotland and Ireland.

**1<sup>st</sup> Edition.** A limited edition of 100 copies was printed in May 2001 with the Millennium Award. It was very well received therefore Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) offered to sponsor the printing of a further 1000 copies.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.** (1000 copies) SNH funded around 90% of the printing of this edition and Eamonn Wall and Co funded the remainder. It came out in February 2002 and was distributed free till it ran out (November 2002).

Though originally for a Scottish and Irish audience many copies were sought from England and Wales; nearly all featured species are common there too. In fact booklets went all over Europe: Slovakia, Holland, France, Spain, Belgium, Yugoslavia and Greece; some of its bryophytes are found in each country.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.** (5000 copies) Nearly 50% of funding for the 3rd edition was donations received for the 2nd. It was also sponsored by NWDG, Treefest Scotland 2002 and Eamonn Wall and Co. TNRC funded the balance.

50p from each copy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition sold goes back to NWDG for future projects. Booklets continue to reach far-flung places: Italy, The Azores, USA, Isle of Man....

### **Natural World Book Prize**

In July 2002 the booklet was shortlisted for the 2002 Natural World Book Prize organised by the Book Trust. The judges considered it one of the seven best natural history books that year.

### **How to get a copy of Third Edition: ISBN 0-9543795-0-0**

The third edition costs £6.50 or €10. It is available from booksellers or direct from the author.

To obtain from author send £6.50, if resident in Britain and N Ireland, or £7.50 if resident in Eire or elsewhere in Europe, to address below. This includes 2<sup>nd</sup> class postage & packing. If you wish it posted 1st class in the UK please send £6.65. Cheques should be payable to Natural Resource Consultancy. You can also pay electronically (BACs) – email the author for details.

We also have a Euro Account to bank euro-cheques. However because of increased bank charges and postage the cost for a single copy to Eire/Europe is now €15.50; two copies work out better: €22.

Discounts are available on orders of 3 or more in the UK and Eire. Contact the author for details:

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## What reviewers said:

....This attractive booklet is aimed at beginners in bryology....clearly illustrated by the author's colour photographs. These work well..... *Plant Talk*

....for those of us keen to acquire knowledge of the biological makeup of our ancient relict woodlands....small pocket reference books are what we need. Carol Crawford's book fulfils this need for bryophytes....It is a beautifully illustrated guide....this little book fills a much needed gap and will no doubt inspire many a forester and amateur to delve deeper into the fascinating subject of bryology.....Carol has whetted our appetites. *Peter Wormell, Native Woodlands Discussion Group Newsletter.*

It isn't very often that I receive a book for review, which is as eye-catchingly good as Carol Crawford's....What is so good about is the excellent quality of the digital photographs and their reproduction...I have a strong suspicion that Carol Crawford's book will stimulate more interest in bryophytes.....My verdict on this book is a resoundingly positive one.... *In Practice (Bulletin of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management).*

....simple but inspired field guide... *Agnes Stevenson, The Herald*

....excellent colour photographs, this is very clear, visual presentation.....such an attractive booklet as this one will undoubtedly stimulate interest in bryophytes *Bulletin of the British Ecological Society*

....none of the judges could bear to let it go....It encapsulates the beauty of detail: the wonder of the overlooked, the loud triumph of obscurity. I have revelled in walking with lions: now I can revel in walking with plume moss, big mouse-tail and dripwort. *Simon Barnes, The Times*

....well designed....2002 Natural World Book Prize...losing out to Edward O Wilson's *The Future of Life*, is no mean feat! *Wild Ireland*

.....nicely produced little booklet...is targeted at newcomers to bryology....As digital camera technology and desk top publishing improve....I hope that this is just the first of many useful little introductory guides which introduce, enthuse and inform a whole new audience to the merits of bryology and bryophytes. *Journal of Bryology*

An obscure corner of biodiversity made vivid....This book, too, is about the meaning of life. *Simon Barnes, Natural World*

This is a brilliant little book. It contains razor sharp colour photographs....It is easy-to-read, easy-to-use and accurate.....this is the book to get people started. It will kindle the interest of many novices....It is the perfect book to use in schools and field centres. All families should own one, to take on woodland walks. Carol Crawford has made the subject of bryophytes accessible to anyone...She is to be congratulated on a small masterpiece... *Professor John Grace, Scottish Forestry*

.....go after the lovely field-guide booklet....produced by Scotland's Carol Crawford. *Michael Viney, Irish Times*

This excellent small guide has beautiful photos.....highly recommended for anyone interested in bryology and any mycologist who needs to know their mosses! It is a wonderful example of how a good field guide **should** be designed and laid out. *Geoffrey Kibby, Field Mycology*

## What users and recipients said

..a brilliant field guide and just what is needed in the world of all things bryological...Congratulations... *Gill Stevens, Biodiversity Co-ordinator, The Natural History Museum*

..delightful book...I am full of admiration for the way you have organised this book. Everything is as clear as it possibly could be and it will be a tremendous help.... *Elizabeth Doig, Curator Natural History, Bute Museum*

As a beginner to bryophytes I find the content and structure very useful...and friendly... *Caroline Ware, Kent*

may I congratulate you on your excellent moss booklet....It is the best thing on the subject that I have seen - and will be so useful - you have managed to capture the giz of the plants very well indeed - something that is not easy to do in photographs....*Kate Holl, Scottish Natural Heritage*

Congratulations on your delightful and helpful booklet. I feel sure it will win converts to bryology! *Daniel L. Kelly, Senior Lecturer in Botany, Trinity College, University of Dublin*

The staff here were very impressed with the layout and content which is very applicable to our Atlantic oak woodlands down here in Meirionydd. Since I distributed the guides I have been inundated with requests for further copies, so I am now asking if you could send a further 10 copies!..*Graham Williams, Countryside Council for Wales*

...thank you for your bryophytes booklet....I found out that the text and photographs are very well organized and easy to work with. I found out several species that we have in Slovakia and I look forward to identifying them outdoors...*Dr Magdalena Sorokova, Institute of Forest Ecology, Zvolen University, Slovakia*

Your bryophyte book is proving very popular...please send 10 copies. *Ian Collier, Forestry Commission, Ross-shire*

I would like to congratulate you on your booklet on Mosses, I found it extremely informative and interesting.  
*Bob Taylor, Senior Ecologist, Sports Turf Research Institute*

...I am constantly amazed at the diversity of plants and will look out my magnifying glass for a happy summer pottering about Muirshiel Country Park trying in my amateurish way, to identify as many different bryophytes as I can find, illustrated in your lovely book.... *Margaret R McIntyre, Renfrewshire*

.....your book represents a wonderful breakthrough from the academic/specialist to the popular without losing its integrity..... *Michael Glen, Touchstone Heritage Management Consultants, Argyll*

I am very impressed. A very attractive and useful-looking booklet and particularly good photos. It's not always easy to get the salient features of tiny all-green plants onto film.... *Dr Hilary M Gee, Cumbria*

The booklet will be put to very good use as additional reading for the many people I meet each year when teaching bryophyte identification throughout Britain... *Dr Martha Newton, Cheshire*

...It is a beautiful work, well laid-out, well photographed, and packed with information.... I'm really delighted to have my copy and it will accompany me in rucksack or pannier bag on future outings... *Geo Scott, Ayrshire*

It is a splendid publication and I think it sets a high standard for every other booklet on mosses yet to be published.  
*Dr. Herman Stieperaere, Curator of Bryophytes, National Botanic Garden of Belgium*

.....I found it excellent - very clear and easy to follow. It's encouraged me to look more closely and see the differences.... Thank-you for opening my eyes to mosses..... *Felicity Martin, Writer and Photographer, Perthshire*

I very much like the layout – simple to use yet maintaining a sound scientific base. I particularly like the 'could be confused with' sections....I was impressed by the photographs... *John Ford, Midlothian*

I appreciate very much having this book in my small bryological library. *Dr Marko Sabovljevic, Department of Plant Ecology, University of Belgrade*

Whilst on a field trip, I was introduced to your book on mosses...I am sure it will be a great help in identifying mosses, which I find extremely difficult... *Kirsty Mallindine, Powys*

The Moss booklet is very good and has "turned on" a lot of people that would not have been able to get into this field without it. *Rob Soutar, Forest Enterprise, Galloway*

...I recently attended a workshop on Liverworts and Mosses and your booklet...was recommended...Thank-you for helping to get people interested in these lesser known but wonderful plants..... *Bernard Boothby, Truro*

... a most attractive booklet...We have enjoyed using the book. *May Mendum, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh*

Thanks so much for sending me your lovely booklet. It's so user-friendly.... I was on a field course (NVC) weekend several people had it and were passing on the details. *All were very impressed.... Fiona Gomersall, Shropshire*

There's this smashing little booklet that... should be ideal for your needs...I've found it useful when helping people get to grips with common woodland mosses & liverworts. *Rob Sutton, Yorkshire Dales, [www.wildaboutbritain.co.uk](http://www.wildaboutbritain.co.uk) (non-flowering plant forum)*

.....I have found it such a pleasure to have, that I would like to give another as a gift... *Joanna Gardner, Isle of Mull*